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A) MILITARY PERSONS -

[redacted] General Petrescu, Head of the [redacted] BUCHAREST

military court [redacted]

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The General held ~~exercised~~ these duties

in January 1950 [redacted]

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He also held this post during the

Antonescu regime. When that regime ended,

he easily adapted himself to the new

regime, administering justice in accordance

with the directives and aims of his new patrons

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B) POLITICAL INFORMATION

D) MISCELLANEOUS

c) Courts-martial

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The military court was composed of a major, the presiding officer, captains and lieutenants and a lieutenant, the public prosecutor. These officers were members of the court martial.

The accused was permitted an advocate who was

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his client for the first time half an hour before the case was opened.

The court sat in the appointed place. On the wall of the audience room, on the wall behind the court there was an inscription reading: "A just political belief is likewise a just juridical belief".

The public was not admitted to the hearing, and entry of friends of the defendant was rigorously scrutinized. The proceedings are usually short lecture in the examining magistrate's chambers under torture, the accused has usually confessed that he is guilty of the various articles of the accusation. So a general statement of the charge is followed by the brief speech of the public prosecutor. The defense, admitting the guilt of the defendant, is limited to asking mercy for the defendant. As the defendant has already

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signed a statement admitting his guilt, when ~~asked~~ by the President if he has anything to add, he usually has nothing to say. The court retires and after a brief absence, gives sentence.

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b) Interrogations

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When a prisoner leaves his cell to be interrogated or for any other reason he is always handcuffed and blindfolded. During the interrogation

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an armed agent always stands behind the person examined and

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and shifts the breechblock of his rifle noisily from time to time to intimidate the witness.

If this is not effective, other means are used for example:

- the accused is made to sit on a bench- sometimes a bench, keeping his legs crossed with his knees bent, supported by his arms clasped around them and his hands clasped in front of his knees. He cannot, however, under his bent knees and above his bent arms (between the arms and forearms) is subjected to both and on two tables, facing each other; in that the person is, as in stock, suspended rather than seated. In this position the person under examination is struck on his bare shoulders with an iron rod.

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After a number of blows three men simultaneously pull away the tables and benches so that the victim falls on the floor.

- The person examined is stretched out on his back on a table, with his breast and stomach bare, a sheet of plywood is laid over him, and struck with a mallet. The blows, penetrating vibrations in the plywood surface, all the internal organs without leaving any marks from the blows.

- The testicles are wrapped in a handkerchief which is tightened more and more. They are then beaten with a rubber stick.

- Police interrogation prisoners are subjected to the so-called "manege". Removed from their cells, the prisoners must run in a circle until they drop. They are then interrogated.

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There [illegible] and many others of the same nature are part of the "scientific" method used in interrogations

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a) Prisons

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[redacted] Penitentiary of [redacted] A/UAR

[redacted]

located in the outskirts of the city 50X1-HUM

It includes various 3- and 4-story buildings, [illegible] surrounded by a high wall surmounted by a walk and towers for sentries. Guard duty is performed by prison-guards.

It also has some blacksmith and carpentry shops.

The prisoners are lodged in large common rooms and cells, the latter mostly for political prisoners.

In one wing called "Zarca" there are solitary

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from which it had to emerge.

Food is a spoonful of porridge as fluid as coffee, two rations of bean or barley soup and 250 grams of bread a day;

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the food was a little better, but the bread ration was still 250 grams.

Those imprisoned for ~~a~~ treasonable offenses may receive one letter a week, ~~and~~ a 10-kg parcel a month and a visit from relatives once a month.

These privileges are denied to political prisoners, however long their sentence.

A political prisoner who has served his sentence is not released but remains subject to the Security police with exactly the same treatment. The only concession is that they may receive 1 letter and a 5-kg parcel a monthly. They can not see their friends.

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Recently the phrase "political prisoner" has been abolished, leaving only the word "prisoner"

In this penitentiary there are about 3,500 prisoners

On Sundays the prisoners are brought together to listen to political lectures for the "re-education" of the prisoner

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a penitentiary at Jilava for political and ordinary prisoners [redacted]

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